

Beginning of a New Era

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The future

of our research faculty life sciences research within the greater Kansas City community is bright. There is no better example of the University's effort to promote research in the life sciences than the new Kansas Life Sciences Innovation Center (KLSIC), a state-of-the-art, 205,000-square-foot biomedical research facility that is the result of public and private partnerships. We are especially grateful to the Hall Family Foundation for contributing \$27 million to provide equipment for the building.

The opening of KLSIC this January marks the beginning of a new era for research at KUMC and in the School of Allied Health. Not only will several of our prominent investigators house their laboratories in the KLSIC, but others will inherit research space that has been made available because of the relocation to the new building. Most importantly, this building promotes an environment of collaboration among researchers with common interests and goals from within KUMC, the Lawrence campus and KU Hospital. In addition to external funding, several of

our research faculty have received internal support through the KUMC Research Institute Clinical Pilot and Lied Basic Research Grant programs.

Funding for research in the KU School of Allied Health has reached an all-time high, increasing by more than 700 percent since 2003. The total amount of multi-year, external support received by our scientists now totals more than \$14.7 million, and the School is 12th in NIH funding among allied health schools at public institutions. These achievements have occurred as the result of a concentrated effort on the part of the School to promote and facilitate the research activities of our existing faculty, and the hiring of new faculty who have existing grants or strong potential to obtain external funding.

Scientists from the School of Allied Health are among the many here at KUMC that play a prominent role in the development of new cures, diagnostic procedures and approaches to improving the quality of life for individuals and communities.



BRICK AND MORTAR MAY BE THE FOUNDATION

of the new biomedical research building at the University of Kansas Medical Center, but high-tech precision instruments and world-class scientists are the cornerstones of this \$57.2 million facility.

Officially named the Kansas Life Sciences Innovation Center (KLSIC), the building is poised atop the bluff at 39th and Rainbow. It is

comprised of 600 tons of structural steel, 32,000 square feet of exterior brick, and 24,000 tons of concrete. Inside, researchers studying liver disease, reproductive sciences, diabetes, neurological sciences and proteomics work with the most advanced tools in laboratories specially designed to facilitate collaboration.

Investigators from the School of Allied Health are among the new residents of the KLSIC. The researchers moved to the building in January 2007.